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June 27, 2008

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Re: Stanford Hospital

32-CA-23873

Dear Mr. Harland:

The Region has carefully considered your charge against Stanford Hospital, herein called the Employer, alleging that it violated the National Labor Relations Act, herein called the Act.

Decision Not to Issue Complaint: Based on that investigation, I have concluded that further proceedings are not warranted, and I am dismissing the charge for the following reasons.

On April 25, 2008, you filed a charge alleging that the Employer violated Section 8(a)(1) and (5) of the Act when it refused to deal with representatives of the Union, in particular, with the assistant trustee appointed by the Trustee of the Union and with one of the Union shop stewards. However, as elaborated upon during the investigation, one of the central issues of the case is whether the Union ceased to exist and/or effectively disclaimed interest in the bargaining unit pursuant to the statewide merger of SEIU local unions. With respect to this issue, the Union has yet to provide critical information requested by the Region. Thus, by way of telephone call and letter on June 20, 2008, you were reminded that you still had not provided certain specified documents that you were required to provide by June 13 and that you subsequently agreed to provide on June 16. The June 20 letter also advised you that the Region was seeking the affidavit of Kristina Sermersheim and additional documents relating to the aforementioned issue by June 27. You did not respond to the Board Agent's June 20 telephone call or letter. Thereafter, on June 23, you were faxed a letter informing you of the specific additional documents that the Region was seeking, and you were informed that the investigating Board agent would immediately recommend that the charge be dismissed if you failed to contact her by 12:00 noon, June 25 to schedule the affidavit of Kristina Sermersheim and if you failed to provide all of the requested information by the June 27 deadline. Although you sent the Board

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agent one of the requested documents via e-mail on June 25, you did not call her at any time that day to discuss why the other documents still have not been provided or to schedule Kristina Sermersheim's affidavit. When the Board agent left you a message to call her on June 26, you returned her call at the end of the day and left a message stating that you would not be able to provide the requested documents or Kristina Sermersheim by June 27, and you expressed doubts as to whether you would be able to provide the documents or Sermersheim by the end of the following week. In a letter dated April 28, 2008, shortly after you filed the instant charge, the Region informed you of the obligation to present evidence in support of the charge and advised you that the charge was subject to dismissal if you failed to submit evidence or contact the assigned agent. In view of this lack of full cooperation, I have determined that further proceedings are not warranted, and accordingly, I am dismissing the charge in this case.

Your Right to Appeal: The National Labor Relations Board Rules and Regulations permit you to obtain a review of this action by filing an appeal with the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board. Use of the Appeal Form (Form NLRB-4767) will satisfy this requirement. However, you are encouraged to submit a complete statement setting forth the facts and reasons why you believe that the decision to dismiss your charge was incorrect.

The appeal may be filed by regular mail addressed to the General Counsel at the National Labor Relations Board, Attn: Office of Appeals, 1099 14th Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20570-0001. A copy of the appeal should also be mailed to the Regional Director.

An appeal also may be filed electronically by using the e-filing system on the Agency's Website. In order to file an appeal electronically, please go to the Agency's Website at www.nlrb.gov, under "E-GOV." Select "E-filing" and then click on "File an Appeal or Other Document" under the heading "General Counsel's Office of Appeals." The Website will contain detailed instructions on how to file an appeal electronically.

Appeal Due Date: The appeal must be received by the General Counsel in Washington, D.C. by the close of business at 5 p.m. EDT on July 11, 2008. If you mail the appeal, it will be considered timely filed if it is postmarked no later than one day before the due date set forth above. If you file the appeal electronically, it also must be received by the General Counsel by the close of business at 5:00 p.m. EDT on July 11, 2008. A failure to timely file an appeal electronically will not be excused on the basis of a claim that transmission could not be accomplished because the receiving machine was off-line or unavailable, the sending machine malfunctioned, or for any other electronic-related reason.

Extension of Time to File Appeal: Upon good cause shown, the General Counsel may grant you an extension of time to file the appeal. You may file a request for an extension of time to file by mail, facsimile transmission, or through the Internet. The fax number is (202) 273-4283. Special instructions for requesting an extension of time over the Internet are set forth in the attached Access Code Certificate. While an appeal will be accepted as timely filed if it is postmarked no later than one day prior to the appeal due date, this rule does not apply to requests

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for extensions of time. A request for an extension of time to file an appeal must be received on or before the original appeal due date. A request that is postmarked prior to the appeal due date but received after the appeal due date will be rejected as untimely. Unless filed through the Internet, a copy of any request for extension of time should be sent to me.

Confidentiality/Privilege: Please be advised that we cannot accept any limitations on the use of any appeal statement or evidence in support thereof provided to the Agency. Thus, any claim of confidentiality or privilege cannot be honored, except as provided by the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552, and any appeal statement may be subject to discretionary disclosure to a party upon request during the processing of the appeal. In the event the appeal is sustained, any statement or material submitted may be subject to introduction as evidence at any hearing that may be held before an administrative law judge. Further, we are required by the Federal Records Act to keep copies of documents used in our case handling for some period of years after a case closes. Accordingly, we may be required by the FOIA to disclose such records upon request, absent some applicable exemption such as those that protect confidential source, commercial/financial information or personal privacy interests (e.g., FOIA Exemptions 4, 6, 7(C) and 7(D), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), (6), (7)(C), and (7)(D)). Accordingly, we will not honor any requests to place limitations on our use of appeal statements or supporting evidence beyond those prescribed by the foregoing laws, regulations, and policies.

Notice to Other Parties of the Appeal: You should notify the other parties to the case that an appeal has been filed. Therefore, at the time the appeal is sent to the General Counsel, please complete the enclosed Appeal Form (NLRB-4767) and send one copy of the form to all parties whose names and addresses are set forth in this letter.

Very truly yours, Alon Blenlind

Alan B. Reichard Regional Director

Enclosure(s)

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